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Good morning, I am Joe Feldpavsch. I have driven truck for Meijer 20<sup>+</sup> years, logging approximately 2 million miles in Michigan.

I like pay increases as everybody does. However, I may not collect on the overtime pay of 1½ now stated in the minimum wage law for Michigan companies, regarding mileage paid truck drivers, miles driven in Michigan, because I may lose my job. I am the primary provider in my family and I may lose my job because, out of state carriers would have the advantage over Michigan companies of not paying the 1½ overtime compensation to their mileage paid drivers working in Michigan, making them more competitive. To change that the Michigan minimum wage law would have to be applied Federally/Nationally, which it can not.

The new legislation before you today will help to keep my job and that of many mileage paid drivers in Michigan because it will restore in Michigan the Federal exemption from 1½ overtime pay on Michigan companies mileage paid truck drivers.

Additionally, the 1½ overtime pay provision should stay in effect for the hourly compensated truck drivers that work in Michigan. Some drivers are compensated hourly because their trips are too short to <sup>be</sup> paid by mileage.